rannizing to ſupport a ſuperiority that only reſts on the arbitrary diſtinction of fortune. The evil is ſometimes more ſerious, and domeſtics are deprived of innocent indulgences, and made to work beyond their ſtrength, in order to enable the notable woman to keep a better table, and outſhine her neighbours in finery and parade. If ſhe attend to her children, it is, in general, to dreſs them in a coſtly manner—and, whether this attention ariſes from vanity or fondneſs, it is equally pernicious.

Beſides, how many women of this deſcription paſs their days; or, at leaſt, their evenings, diſcontentedly. Their huſbands acknowledge that they are good managers, and chaſte wives; but leave home to ſeek for more agreeable, may I be allowed to uſe a ſignificant French word, *piquant* ſociety; and the patient drudge, who fulfils her taſk, like a blind horſe in a mill, is defrauded of her juſt reward; for the wages due to her are the careſſes of her huſband; and women who have ſo few reſources in themſelves, do not very patiently bear this privation of a natural right.

A fine lady, on the contrary, has been taught

taught to look down with contempt on the vulgar employments of life; though ſhe has only been incited to acquire accompliſhments that riſe a degree above ſenſe; for even corporeal accompliſhments cannot be acquired with any degree of preciſion unleſs the underſtanding has been ſtrengthened by exerciſe. Without a foundation of principles taſte is ſuperficial; and grace muſt ariſe from ſomething deeper than imitation. The imagination, however, is heated, and the feelings rendered faſtidious, if not ſophiſticated; or, a counterpoiſe of judgment is not acquired, when the heart ſtill remains artleſs, though it becomes too tender.

Theſe women are often amiable; and their hearts are really more ſenſible to general benevolence, more alive to the ſentiments that civilize life, than the ſquare-elbowed family drudge; but, wanting a due proportion of reflection and ſelf-government, they only inſpire love; and are the miſtreſſes of their huſbands, whilſt they have any hold on their affections; and the platonic friends of his male acquaintance. Theſe are the fair defects in nature; the women who appear to be created not to enjoy the fellowſhip of man, but